

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is provided on an accompanying separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

--The first of these techniques, also known as the De Bakey method, involves clamping (hemostasis) of the tract of aorta downstream of the aneurysm, a first sectioning of the aorta itself and the suturing of the prosthesis to the first section, and the clamping of the tract of aorta upstream of the aneurysm, a second sectioning of the aorta and the suturing (anastomosis) of the prosthesis to the second section. Then the visceral branches are sutured to the prosthesis with or without interpositioning of prosthetic segments. This technique exposes the patient to quite long operations with relevant ~~haemorrhaging~~ haemorrhaging, but guarantees good blood circulation downstream of the aneurysm.--

Page 3, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, on line 10, replace the title "Disclosure of Invention" with --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 6, before line 1, replace "Claims." to --I claim:--